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Information Disclosure Statement- 10-06-00

1. ☐ Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the pending U.S. patent applications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider and independently ascertain the teachings and relevance of those applications with respect to the instant application. Applicants would be pleased to provide the Examiner with a copy of these applications upon request.

2. ☐ For each of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a European Search Report from a counterpart European application is enclosed. Such items are marked as reference letter(s): _____
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3. ☐ For each of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is incorporated in the specification of the above-identified application. Such items are marked as reference letter(s): _____.

4. ☒ No fee is believed to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with:
 - ☒ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application.
 - ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(2), within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in §1.491.
 - ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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7. ☐ A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), after the mailing date of a final action or a Notice of Allowance, but before the payment of the issue fee, and is accompanied by:

- a. one of the certifications pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) set forth in paragraph 10 below; and
- b. this document is to be considered as a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement.
- c. the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) which is paid as set forth in paragraph 11 below.

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☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(3), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement may render at least one claim unpatentable and is accompanied by the attached Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue;

☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered in a Continuation application upon abandonment of the instant application and is accompanied by the attached Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue.

☐ The fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) is paid as set forth in paragraph 11 below.

9. ☐ I hereby certify:

☐ that each item of information contained in the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of such communication is enclosed.

☐ that no item of information contained or listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

10. ☐ Please accept payment of the fees due as indicated below:

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☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$240.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0271 in payment of the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached for such purpose

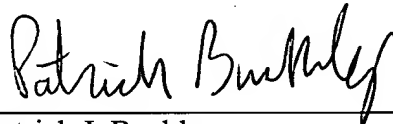
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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A.	4,750,119	06/07/88	Cohen et al.	364	401	
	B.	4,949,256	08/14/90	Humble	364	401	
	C.	5,025,372	06/18/91	Burton et al.	364	406	
	D.	5,056,019	10/08/91	Schultz et al.	364	405	
	E.	5,200,889	04/06/93	Mori	364	401	
	F.	5,202,826	04/13/93	McCarthy	364	405	
	G.	5,426,281	06/20/95	Abecassis	235	379	
	H.	5,537,314	07/16/96	Kanter	364	406	
	I.	5,729,693	03/17/98	Holda-Fleck	395	214	
	J.	5,774,868	06/30/98	Cragun et al.	705	10	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	Translation	
							Yes	No
	K.	WO 00/11570	03/02/00	PCT				
	L.	WO 92/14213	08/20/92	PCT				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	M.	Pogoda, Dianne M., "G.E.C.C. offers credit card with discounts, rebates; General Electric Capital Corp., WWD (Women's Wear Daily), September 3, 1992, Vol. 164; No. 46; Pg. 7.
	N.	Selasky, Susan, "Easy-to-swallow savings; Diner credit cards serve wide menu of discounts", Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, December 5, 1996, Section: Food, Pg. F-2.

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